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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant to the Director
for Planning and Coordination

SUBJECT: Coordination of Requirements

1. You will recall that when we last left the coordination of requirements problem you requested me to do two things:

- a. To go over and see Col. Montgomery and
- b. To prepare a list of questions and answers on the order of those in Part II of the descriptive paper that we sent to the agencies prior to the meeting which you held with them.

2. I must report a failure on both of these assignments. With regard to the second one I fear that my imagination has run dry or perhaps I never clearly understood what you wanted. With regard to the first of these perhaps failure depends upon ones point of view. We sat down with the Pentagon representatives and with State. The Pentagon sees absolutely no value whatever to correcting the "slant" in the paper I prepared. Furthermore, they feel that this sort of thing has really been done formerly in the semi-annual intelligence progress report to the NSC, which by now has become a labor of extreme drudgery to the community. Our discussion revealed that they would consider it much more useful when faced with problems to solve them rather than to create additional overall machinery.

3. Faced with the foregoing, my recommendation for the disposition of this assignment is that you dispatch the attached draft report to the Director to the CIA offices under cover as noted. After you have made such peace as is possible with the offices you could then dispatch this paper to the other IAC agencies (however, omitting paragraphs 3 and 4 which could subsequently be reintroduced to the paper that goes to the Director or could be reported in a covering memorandum.)


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